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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **CAPACITIVE RESPONSIVE ELECTRONIC SWITCHING CIRCUIT**, the specification of which was filed on January 31, 1996, Application No. 08/601,268 (unofficial).

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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